

As an American  
citizen I am  
outraged by the  
Moguls of the  
CITIZENS airwaves  
being used to sway  
public opinion in  
the most vile and  
biased ways. I think  
that it is a vile  
erosion of the  
public's right to  
not be subjected to  
slander, smear, and  
innuendo  
perpertrated by the  
rich liscence  
holders.

Pappas Telecasting  
Companies'  
'donation' of  
\$325,000 in airtime  
to Republican  
candidates in  
certain areas is yet  
another example of a  
powerful media group  
abusing its  
privileged access to  
the public airwaves.

Localism is not  
served when a  
corporate  
headquarters decides  
to provide one side  
in local elections a  
louder voice than  
others. During  
election season,  
local audiences  
should be offered  
genuine debate --  
not disingenuous  
offers to "purchase"  
an equal amount of  
response time.

Pappas uses the  
public airwaves free  
of charge and is  
obligated by law to  
serve the public  
interest. Pappas'  
actions are legally

questionable and  
cast doubt on  
whether Pappas truly  
intends to serve the  
public interest.  
Their actions show  
why we need to  
strengthen media  
ownership rules, not  
weaken them.  
Further, they show  
why the license  
renewal process  
needs to involve  
more than just a  
returned postcard.  
Thank you.